



We will meet on 5 January at Compton Park and plan on a safe meeting. Some COVID restrictions will still be in place though. Hope you all are staying safe and finding time to get out on the water. **Please bring and wear a mask.**

Please join us for a new year and a presentation by **Jonas Magnusson** on fly fishing in his native country of Iceland. Jonas is a retired physician and avid fly fisherman. We are fortunate he joined our club last year and shares his fly fishing and casting expertise.



CDC Notice Regarding Meeting Places

In order to protect the health of TBFFC members, all attendees must self-screen for symptoms or other risk factors of COVID-19 before attending monthly meetings.

Your answer must be “no” to the following questions before attending:

- Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea?
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- Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

If you answer “yes” to any of the above questions, please do not come to the meeting. Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated. Thanks. //Walt

Directions to Our Meetings (6:00 pm): From I-75---Take Bruce B. Downs exit from I-75; go west 2 miles to traffic light, turn left on to Tampa Palms Blvd., then left on Compton Drive, and right at Compton Park. From I-275---Take Bearss East to Bruce. B. Downs; then Bruce B. Downs east/north to Tampa Palms Blvd. Rt. on Tampa Palms, then left on Compton Drive and right at Compton Park.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all are hanging in there and taking care of each other. Check out our fishing report for tips and try to get out on the water. Low winter tides and clear water offer the best fishing of the year, so don't miss your chance to sight fish big reds and snook.

We held a festive holiday party last month and had a good time sharing food, drink and gifts. The White Elephant exchange resulted in interesting gifts and competition for them. Thanks to all who participated, brought food and help set up. Thanks to Denise, Patty and Ginny for the decorations. Hope you all had a good time and we will plan to do it again in 2022.

We also had a great outing at the Suncoast Youth Center in December . We fished and toured the facilities including the aquarium annex where they rehabilitate sea turtles and restore threatened species. Fishing was a little slow with lady fish and snook cooperating. Look for pictures in the newsletter.

Check out our website for the latest club info. Bruce Anderson has done a good job designing it. Bruce added our wade fishing guide, which is full for tips on how and where to fish.

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month:

“Time flies so fast after youth is past that we cannot accomplish one half the many things we have in mind or indeed one half our duties. The only safe and sensible plan is to make other things give way to the essentials, and the first of these is fly fishing”. **Theodore Gorden**

“Fly fishing is a magic way to recapture the rapture of solitude without the pangs of loneliness. “
John D. Voelker

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

FLY CASTING AND FLY FISHING CLINIC

WHERE: Egan Park, 9101 Blind Pass Rd, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

WHEN: **Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 8 am to 3 pm.**

WHAT: We will be using a different format! We'll keep working on fundamental skills but will make the drills much more like real fishing conditions. All levels of expertise, or lack thereof, will be accommodated and welcome. Bring whatever equipment you have; leaders and practice flies will be provided.

WHO: Master Certified Fly Casting Instructors Jonas Magnusson, Pat Damico, and others will assist you in developing the skills needed to catch more fish.

COST: Free to FFI members, others can join FFI for a year, \$20 for Juniors, under age 22, \$25 for Seniors and Veterans, and \$35 for Regular.

Breakfast and lunch provided by sponsor Suncoast Fly Fishers. Come join us for a fun day of friendship and instruction! Members from all clubs are welcome as well as the general public.

James Davis 727-479-8693, or Rick Warfel 813-523-0692 from Suncoast should be contacted if you are attending to reserve your place.

RedFly Tournament 15 January: RedFly was the brainchild of Capt. Jon Bull. What originally started off as a small tournament based out of the Cockroach Bay in 2008, has turned into the largest, longest running, fly-fishing for redfish only tournament in the country. Go to their Facebook page to sign up.

MANDATORY check in and captain's meeting on Saturday, 1/15/2022 at 5:30-6:45 am at Salty Shamrock Irish Pub. Each team, or solo angler, MUST bring their measuring device to be approved by tournament officials, to the captain's meeting on 1/15/2022. The captain's meeting will be at the Salty Shamrock Irish Pub (6816 US Hwy 41, Apollo Beach, FL 33572).

January Outing- Durante Park

The Mangrove Fly Fishing Club invited us to their January outing.

When: Wed Jan 19, 2022 10am – 2pm

Where: Joan M Durante Community Park, 5550 Gulf of Mexico Dr, Longboat Key, FL 34228, USA



Holiday party photos by Patty Anderson



More Holiday party photos by Patty Anderson



We had a great time at the **Suncoast Youth Conservation Center** on 10 December. Thanks to Gina Russo of Florida Fish and Wildlife for hosting us. We fished and had a great tour of the facilities. In 2022 Gina will set us up for a kayak adventure at the center.



Eric J Flachbart reports: "I went to Big Charlies lodge in Andros two weeks ago with fishing buddies from New England. Fished for four days and caught 25 or so fish over the four days, all decent size. Fabulous time evidently its across the street from Two Boys where the club goes. I am hooked but the lemon sharks were everywhere, I broke off a few fish to keep them from getting eaten."



Rich Gorden reports: "I haven't been flyfishing in the salt lately, but I managed a nice bass in the back pond."



Bryon Koesler reports: "Happy holidays. I still hope to join in on a meeting one of these days. Got this nice red earlier in the month on an olive kwan fly."





Club member Denise Bruner with a nice snook on the left.

Club member Ted Hagaman with a red caught at the Cypress flat in December.



Club Welcomes New Certified Casting Instructor Jonas Magnusson



Jonas believes the very best way to learn the basics is to get solid instructions from a certified casting instructor. Accordingly, Jonas is ready and willing to teach fly casting to interested members. Jonas is new to Tampa and learning our waters, but is an experienced fly fisherman and certified instructor. Jonas also teaches veterans working with Project Healing Waters. Meet Jonas at our next meeting or give him a call at 361 903 2846.



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Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Captain Pat Damico reports: A recent cold front produced falling water temperatures, causing snook and baby tarpon to head upriver to winter haunts where both species can adapt to freshwater. Many fish that have been around river mouths, bridges, and near beaches are migrating upriver and making frequent feeding stops. Structure is the key as any diversion from a smooth bank often holds baitfish. Points, sand holes, channels, fallen trees, docks, undercut banks and small mangrove islands must all be explored. Don't spend a lot of time in one spot. Cast accurately with baitfish patterns the size and color of what you see in the water. A cast that lands 3 feet from the structure will not produce as well as one that is within inches or under fish-holding obstacles like docks and overhanging trees. Watch your temperature gauge. Warmer water in small shallow bays can be a hot spot. Fish will often be in groups, so when one or two are caught, fish the area thoroughly. Keep the boat parallel to shore with an electric trolling motor, this will allow two experienced fly casters to use different setups. For example, one with a floating line using a popper or small fly and the other with a sink tip line and a larger fly, both having a 30-pound shock tippet. An outgoing tide will drain small creeks of baitfish and large predators will be in the closest deep hole waiting for an easy meal.

Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and 727-504-8649.

Capt Rick Grasset reports:

Look for reds, snook and large trout in shallow water. Fishing deep grass flats of Sarasota Bay is usually a good choice for action with a variety of species including trout, Spanish mackerel, jacks, blues and more. Our natural resources are under constant pressure from red tides fueled by industrial, agricultural and residential runoff, toxic spills and discharges, freezes, increasing fishing pressure and habitat loss and degradation, please limit your kill, don't kill your limit! Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc.; E-mail snookfin@aol.com; (941) 923-7799



Our new **traveling club flags** are on the move! Four club members in Cayo Coco, Cuba in May. Lower right **Ted and Frank** in Cordova AK in September. **Lou and Walt** at Casuarina Point, Abaco, Bahamas in April 2018.



Patty and Bruce Anderson
In Belize City, Belize
behaving themselves



Mexico 2019 hog
snapper dinner



Ted and Walt beach snook
fishing Little Gasparilla
Island May 2019



Walt and Capt. Frank
in the jungles of Columbia
March 2019



Two Boys Inn, Andros, Sep 19



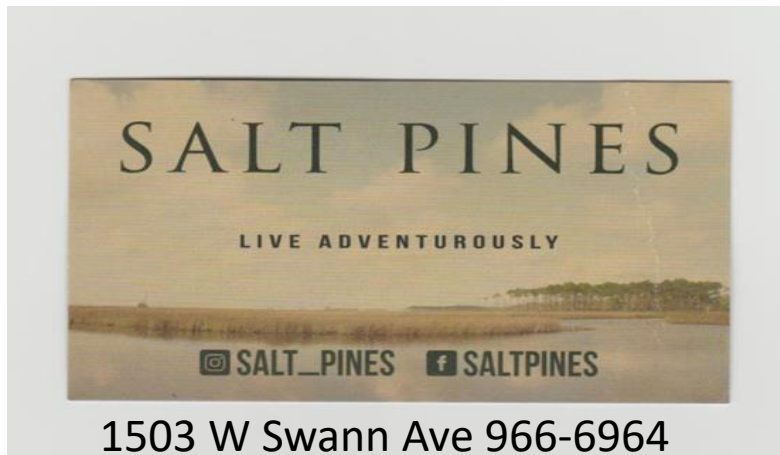
2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 8 Casting Clinic
- Jan 15 Red Fly Tournament
- Feb ? Shad Outing, Mullet Lake campground
- June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct (virtual) Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Cancelled Florida Sportsman Show
- Dec Play Hooky at the Suncoast Youth Center
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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- Fishing Trips Sponsored by Members and the Club
- Group Clinics and Workshops
- Fly Tying Lessons
- One-On-One Fly Casting Lessons
- Shirts and Hats with club logo
- 80-page Beginner's Basic Skills Instruction Manual
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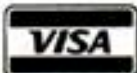


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Please Check: One Year _____ Five Year _____

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